



## Ellen Mae Wolters

May 18, 1936 - December 6, 2021

On Monday, December 6, 2021, Ellen M. Wolters, passed away peacefully into the arms of her Lord. Born in Grand Rapids, MI on May 18, 1936 to Henry and Christine Gritter, Ellen was a Registered Nurse, with a B.A. degree from Calvin College and nursing degree from Blodgett School of Nursing. Her nursing classmates held a special place in Ellen's heart and she enjoyed monthly lunches with them. Ellen worked in many roles as a registered nurse and used those skills in various volunteer positions. She lived a life of serving others. Be it her family, her church family, the Christian Schools, or the local community, Ellen taught through her actions of giving her time and energy to others. She served in numerous capacities at Second Christian Reformed Church, Grand Haven Christian School, and Western Michigan Christian High School.

She enjoyed time with her friends, family and especially her grandchildren. Some of the special memories that Ellen and Burt created were movie nights at grandpa and grandmas and weekends at the Ludington condo. Ellen had a special gift of hospitality and hosted numerous pool parties in the backyard for her children and grandchildren that were always filled with delicious food and warm laughter.

She is survived by her children; Sandra (John) Fortmann, Dave (Terri) Wolters, Christy (Mike) Prins, and Carole (Scott) Owens; and her 8 grandchildren: JC Fortmann, Ashley Fortmann, Mason Wolters, Noah Wolters, Andrew Vander Meulen, Ryan Vander Meulen, Alyssa (Mitchell) Galloway, and Brendan Owens. Also surviving are siblings Joyce (Robert) Cronin, Margaret Houskamp, and sister-in-law Joyce Kazie. She was preceded in death by her brother-in-law Kenneth Houskamp, brother Dale Gritter, and husband of 60 years and love of her life, Burton Wolters.

Mrs. Wolters will be laid to rest in Lake Forest Cemetery after a private service. In lieu of flowers, donations in her honor and memory may be sent to National Association for Down Syndrome, 1460 Renaissance Drive Suite #102, Park Ridge, IL 60068 or online at [www.nads.org/donation](http://www.nads.org/donation). Arrangements by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444. You may sign her online guestbook



# Cemetery

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## **Lake Forest Cemetery**

1304 Lake Ave.

Grand Haven, MI, 49417

# Comments

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“ To the family of Ellen, I want to extend my sympathy to all of you. I got to be a friend of hers after doing her hair for many years. I will miss her. With Sympathy, Donna Anderson

**Donna Anderson** - December 12, 2021 at 11:57 AM

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“ Ellen was a dear friend to me since I arrived in Grand Haven in 1984. She and Burt grew even more special as the years went on. She was loved and she will be missed.  
Maxine Veurink

**Maxine Veurink** - December 12, 2021 at 11:48 AM

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“ You have our prays we have missed your parents at church . Ray and Shirley Kuiper

**Ray & Shirley Kuiper** - December 10, 2021 at 12:07 PM

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“ Dear Family of Ellen, I do not have words to tell you what your Mom meant to me. I will miss our chats and outings, but most of all her kindness. Both you parents were special to both Don & I. Please know I am thinking of all of you. Love Dee Wolffis

**Dee Wolffis** - December 10, 2021 at 11:48 AM